

LEWIS COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Lewis County is located in the northern part of the State bordering the western edge of the Adirondack mountains. In 1998, there were 191,900 acres in farms, 23 percent of the county's total 816,640 acres. There were 740 farms in the county averaging 259 acres per farm. Lewis County ranks 21st in the state for number of farms and 16th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$61.7 million. Total sales averaged \$99,015 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay and silage, and corn for grain.

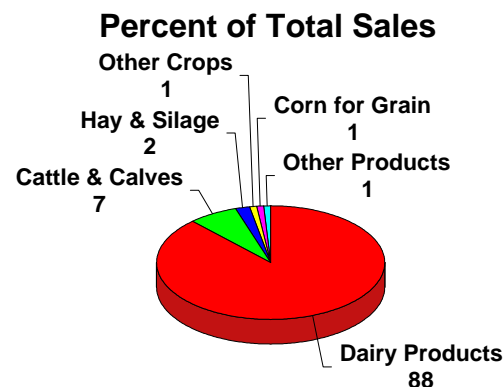
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$186,568. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$67,864 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$41.5 million for an average of \$66,436 per farm. The Census showed 72 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 50.2 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$15,412.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	54,228	88	6
Cattle & Calves	4,232	7	18
Hay & Silage	1,395	2	29
Other Crops	690	1	13
Corn for Grain	540	1	36
Other Products	601	1	
TOTAL SALES	61,686		21

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	2,126	339,848	5/	5/	61,623	5/
1950	1,701	320,626	147,687	79,598	79,334	14,007
1959	1,291	290,847	130,092	68,050	79,727	12,978
1969	905	219,117	120,236	5/	56,759	5/
1978	771	209,267	122,928	18,239	51,884	16,216
1982	771	205,846	120,961	18,701	49,743	16,441
1987	785	199,600	117,200	19,300	46,300	16,800
1992	725	186,200	109,900	16,800	43,400	16,100
1993	735	184,000	108,600	16,100	42,400	16,900
1994	740	183,400	107,100	16,200	44,100	16,000
1995	735	187,400	107,400	16,900	47,400	15,700
1996	740	189,500	106,600	17,500	49,400	16,000
1997	745	193,100	107,100	18,300	52,700	15,000
1998	740	191,900	107,300	18,000	51,700	14,900

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	150	165
\$10,000 to \$49,999	84	103
\$50,000 to \$99,999	103	94
\$100,000 or more	280	261
Farms Reporting	617	623
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

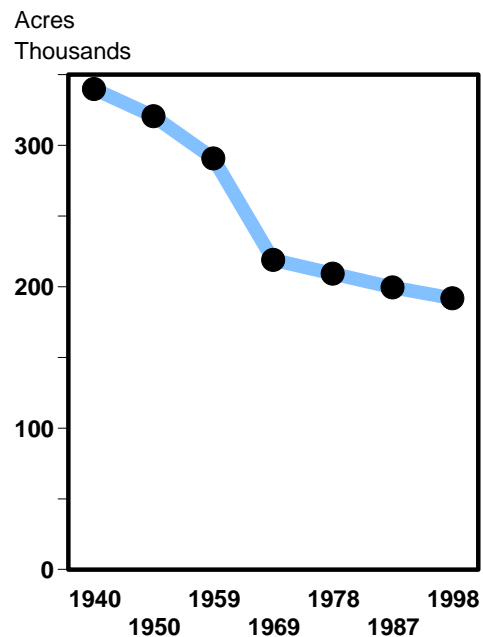
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 59th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	22,800	18
1950	22,500	18
1960	23,200	18
1970	23,600	18
1980	25,000	20
1990	26,800	21
1998	27,494	21

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	48,764	1/	1/
1950	46,875	531	31,383
1959	49,343	340	33,559
1969	47,477	1,163	30,738
1978	52,000	600	30,500
1982	65,000	600	33,000
1987	56,000	600	33,000
1992	51,000	600	30,500
1993	51,000	400	28,000
1994	49,000	500	29,000
1995	48,000	300	29,000
1996	51,000	700	28,000
1997	52,000	700	29,000
1998	51,000	600	28,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	31,100	12,300	382.5
1982	33,500	12,700	425.4
1987	32,000	13,800	441.6
1992	29,500	15,400	454.3
1993	29,000	15,200	440.8
1994	29,000	15,400	446.6
1995	28,500	16,000	456.0
1996	29,000	15,800	458.2
1997	28,500	16,000	456.0
1998	28,500	16,300	464.6

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

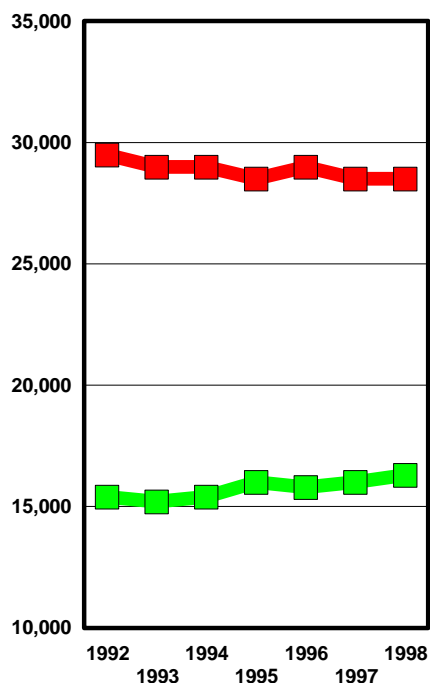
Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	12,845	32.9	422,757
1950	1/	11,275	24.2	273,090
1959	1/	13,140	51.6	678,492
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	7,200	4,700	55.0	258,500
1982	5,300	3,400	58.0	197,200
1987	3,500	2,600	50.0	130,000
1992	2,600	2,100	78.0	163,800
1993	2,300	1,700	74.0	125,800
1994	2,600	2,200	70.0	154,000
1995	2,200	1,400	51.0	70,800
1996	1,300	1,000	48.0	47,900
1997	1,500	1,300	54.0	70,200
1998	1,700	1,400	65.0	91,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,
1997 Census of Agriculture**

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
235	53	\$18,000	51

MILK: Cows & Production

■ Annual Avg. Milk Cows
■ Average Production Per Cow

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	6,583	320	34.8	11,130	1/	1/	1/
1950	5,449	83	42.7	3,546	5,105	10.5	53,517
1959	5,350	72	47.2	3,397	5,250	12.4	65,211
1969	11,000	700	81.0	56,700	1/	1/	1/
1978	20,000	1,100	87.0	95,700	18,600	14.3	266,800
1982	19,000	3,200	97.5	312,000	15,600	15.0	234,000
1987	17,000	3,300	115.0	379,500	13,300	16.5	219,500
1992	15,900	2,000	77.0	154,000	13,200	13.7	180,800
1993	17,700	2,000	100.0	199,200	15,500	13.9	215,500
1994	17,900	2,100	113.0	237,700	15,800	16.0	252,200
1995	19,600	3,400	96.0	325,800	16,000	13.5	216,500
1996	21,300	4,600	94.0	432,700	16,400	15.0	245,500
1997	21,700	4,400	107.0	470,800	17,100	14.8	253,100
1998	20,800	4,200	111.0	466,200	16,600	16.1	267,300

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	1,880	2.2	4,111	83,273	1.4	113,342	85,153	1.4	117,453
1950	5,555	1.5	8,403	69,263	1.2	80,785	74,818	1.2	89,188
1959	16,982	2.5	42,717	52,149	1.9	99,790	69,131	2.1	142,507
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	58,255	2.4	139,652
1978	30,600	2.4	73,400	36,400	1.9	69,200	67,000	2.1	142,600
1982	33,700	2.9	97,700	36,600	2.2	80,500	70,300	2.5	178,200
1987	32,000	2.8	90,200	39,000	2.3	88,000	71,000	2.5	178,200
1992	26,700	2.1	55,000	24,900	1.9	48,300	51,600	2.0	103,300
1993	24,100	2.5	61,100	29,900	2.0	61,200	54,000	2.3	122,300
1994	21,300	3.1	65,100	29,600	2.3	69,000	50,900	2.6	134,100
1995	23,000	2.7	62,100	26,100	1.9	50,800	49,100	2.3	112,900
1996	21,400	2.9	62,100	24,200	2.0	48,400	45,600	2.4	110,500
1997	21,700	2.8	60,000	23,100	2.0	45,100	44,800	2.3	105,100
1998	20,300	2.6	53,000	20,700	2.0	41,900	41,000	2.3	94,900

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available